MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL BRANCH MANAGERS
DIVISION CHIEFS

SUBJECT: IN-HOUSE TRAINING ON VARIOUS COMPUTER COURSES

The EDP Branch, as the existing body in charge of the implementation, monitoring and control of the Information Technology (IT) activities of the Administration, will provide a free in-house training on various computer courses. As such, you are requested to nominate a representative of your division or branch whom you will utilize in performing your IT related activities.

The training proper will start this November 1993. To avoid problems such as differing work schedules and the like, you are therefore requested to include your nominee/s preference/s on computer software and time schedule. Such arrangement will not only enable the EDP Branch staff to schedule their activities but also to guarantee attendance of the nominees during the training session.

Please accomplish the attached form with the name/s of your nominee/s and preferred software. The trainings will be held every Fridays and you are required to choose the month convenient to your work schedule. Any question regarding this matter can be forwarded to the Systems Development Division, EDP Branch.

For your immediate compliance.

FELICISIMO D. JOSON
Administrator
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Wordstar
MS Word
Lotus 123
Flowcharting
Others (Please Specify)
THE HEROIC RESCUE

DANNY L. DE LA CRUZ AND EDGARDO P. MEJORES OF ABT SUMMER, Arabian Bulk Trade Limited, local shipping agency - Singa Ship Management Philippines, Inc.

AB Danny dela Cruz and Edgardo Mejores are two Filipino seafarers worthy of accolade and praise. Their heroism during the explosion and subsequent sinking of the ABT Summer in the vast South Atlantic Ocean of 28 May 1991 carves another record in maritime history.

Dela Cruz saved the life of the vessel's master, Captain Jeeris, who had suffered injury and exhaustion during the explosion of ABT Summer at the same time encountering difficulty with his lifejacket. Amid the heavy smelling oilslicked sea, he supported the captain during their six-hour swim while seeking for rescue ships.

Mejores came to the rescue of Chinese engineer Peter Naue. Weak and tired himself, he helped the jacketless engineer, secured him to his own lifejacket and kept them both afloat for six hours until they were rescued.

One would think that it was over for the two Filipinos with their two mates to support but will and sheer determination brought them to safety after almost six long hours of swimming in the wide sea.

NO FUTILITY IN HEROISM

ALEX P. TALO, Pumpman, MV Stolt Spur Monterey Shipping Inc., local shipping agent - Stolt Nielsen Marine Services

No amount of praises can give glory to his heroic deed. He put his life in danger to save a fellow mate from a tank explosion. Unfortunately, the odds are too great and he lost his life as a consequence.

Thus, the Filipino nation pays tribute to the late Mr. Alex P. Talo whose bravery and dedication to duty put his life to an end. Though his attempt to save the life of mate Bjorn Kasmer failed, such can never be said to be futile for there is no futility in heroism.
GUARDIAN OF PINOYS IN-THE EMIRATES

RAMON D. NAGUITA, Executive Chief Steward, Al Ain Intercontinental Hotel, local agent - Top Rate International

Ensuring the welfare of his fellow Filipinos and helping those in distress has been part of Mr. Naguita’s nine-year overseas stint. Realizing the need for a link between the Emirate government and the Filipinos, he helped organized the United Filipino Association in Al-Ain, UAE which until now has been helping countless of Filipinos in the Emirates encountering problems particularly with their employers.

Mr. Naguita’s assistance to his fellow kababayans extend to personally following up cases of Filipinos with police and immigration problems and representing those who are to be deported or jailed. He also serves as the labor attache’s vital chain to the Al-Ain Filipino community thus ensuring in the process a smooth and organized welfare machinery.

Notwithstanding his vital post at the Filipino community, Mr. Naguita holds a responsible position at one of the finest hotels in the Emirates, the Intercontinental Hotel, projecting an image of a model Filipino worker and leader.

POSTING A MILESTONE IN SEA SAFETY


The 724 Filipino crew of the three Esso Affiliates — Esso International Schiedam, Esso Singapore and Esso Societe Anonyme Francaise (ESAF)— have done an unprecedented milestone— nine-month and six-month accident-free operations.

The first collective award given to a fleet, the Bagong Bayani Awards recognizes the significant safety milestones achieved by the three principals and the effort and commitment of the Filipino seafarers to post operational and safety excellence.

The Esso Schiedam fleet completed six consecutive months of accident-free working environment onboard vessels remarkably achieved during a peak in shipyard-repair activities when extraordinary attention to safety was necessary.

Esso Singapore with the major participation of Filipino seafarers established a nine-month accident-free operations or a total of 922,896 man-hours without any lost-time that can be attributed to accidents.

Filipino seafarers of ESAF also posted a period of six months devoid of accidents and the Esso Languedoc managed by Filipino crew won the Exxon International President’s Marine Safety Award.
INDOMITABLE LEADER

MOHD. ALI CARLITO ASTILLERO, 50, Director of Laboratory Services, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Mishari Hospital, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, local agent - Philippine Hospital and Health Services

A highly respected medical practitioner, Mohd. Ali Carlito Astillero deserves the honor and prestige of the Bagong Bayani Awards.

His work stint abroad is extraordinary for not only did he displayed professionalism and leadership in his field of work but his outstanding influence as a doctor enabled him to help his “kababayans” in all their problems including health, police and political and employment grievances. His high degree of performance enabled him to handle sensitive position like the recruitment of Filipino staff. He was also instrumental in making it possible for the hired hospital staff to go to the jobsite without paying the placement fee, which was instead deducted from their salaries.

His great sense of calmness and his participation in the preparation of hospital contingencies during the Gulf crisis helped eased the tension of his fellow workers.

A recipient of many awards and citations abroad, Dr. Astillero contributed much to the country’s coffer for he not only remitted his earnings through proper banking channels but he also led his fellow workers to remit their money to the country’s national bank and pay their taxes.

A MODEL WORKER

MILOR J. BERNAL, 43, Sr. Supply Technician, Royal Saudi Naval Forces

Hardworking, dependable and his impressive work performance earned him the award as the Bagong Bayani of 1991.

Milor J. Bernal is a model Filipino worker who strived relentlessly to make a name not only for himself but for all Filipino workers abroad. A recipient of many citations and awards, Mr. Bernal exhibited diligence and cooperation by accepting higher position without additional renumeration thus winning the trust and respect of his employers. He was one of the few who was selected to train Naval personnel.
THE ROLE MODEL FOR ALL NURSES

JUANITA CORROS, Head Nurse, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Since 1980, when Juanita first joined the KFSH, she has been consistently promoted for her hard work, dedication and community spirit.

Promoted to Head Nurse in 1989, Juanita has since displayed the same reliable and highly competent work attitude which has made her an outstanding figure of the KFSH Nursing Team.

Aside from participating in numerous nursing research projects and being an active member of the nursing committee, Corros also figured in the recent Gulf crisis, where she coordinated closely with the Philippine Embassy in assisting our countrymen who were fleeing Kuwait. She was very active in organizing the proper distribution of food and medical donations and even "adopted" a Filipino refugee family for a short period. Juanita also assisted the KFSH in recruiting several nurses who were displaced from Kuwait and were then stranded in Saudi Arabia.

THE CANDY BARS

SOLEDAD M. CARREON, CHARIBEL T. DE OCAMPO, LEONILA B. GOSAYPO, known collectively as the "Candy Bars", entertainers, local agency - Sangle-Bernabe International

This popular trio were the first ones to introduce the all-female bands in Japan which has paved the way for numerous other bands to take the international scene by storm. Starting out as solo Self-Contained Performers (SCP) in the late 70's, Bong (Charibel de Ocampo), Sol (Soledad Carreon) and Weng (Leonila Gosaypo) were put together by the Sangle-Bernabe International in 1983 as the Candy Bars.

Since then, there success has been unequalled as they have become one of the most well-known club performers in Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Bangkok.

The undisputed darlings of live entertainment have a repertoire of over 4,000 songs spanning from classical standards to the latest pop songs. Aside from bringing their music to five star hotels and clubs all over Asia, they have been invited to perform in special functions, including one before the prime minister of Malaysia.

They have also consistently remitted most of their salaries to their families using the country's banking system, which also directly helps replenish our dollar reserves.
But definitely, all this success has not gotten to their heads as they remain very religious. They have organized a Catholic Charismatic Movement for Filipino musicians in Singapore, which up to now has a large following. The Candy Bars have clearly shown our Asian neighbors, that Filipina artists are among the world’s best, with God’s help.

ACADEMICIAN PAR EXCELLENCE

DR. PACIENTE A. CORDERO JR., Superintendent, College of Science, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Scholar, educator, administrator, lecturer, softball player. The list goes on and on for this individual who has one of the most formidable resumes in the whole overseas employment program. Probably one of the best marine biologists the Philippines has produced, Dr. Cordero graduated from the Far Eastern University in 1963 with a major in Botany. He got his masters in Marine Fisheries at the Kagoshima University in Japan and obtained his doctorate and post-doctorate at the Kyoto University. He has been the Department Chief of the Philippine National Museum—Officer-in-Charge of the Region 8 National Science and Technology Center and has lectured at Graduate Schools of UP, UST, DLSU and PWU. He has also been voted one of the Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM) in 1979 and is a recipient of the Manuel Roxas Memorial Medallion in 1980. Dr. Cordero has authored or co-authored more than 65 books on marine biology and is the playing-manager of the All-Filipino Softball Team in the Sultanate.

Currently, aside from being the Superintendent of the College of Science at the Sultan Qaboos University, Dr. Cordero is also the Chairman of the Philippine Community-School-in-Oman. The school, which originally was aimed at providing education for the children of Filipino workers in the Sultanate, has now attracted Pakistanis, Sri Lankans, Koreans, Iranians, Taiwanese, British and Filipino-Omani because of its high standards.

Due largely to Dr. Cordero’s leadership, the school is fast becoming one of the top non-Omani schools in the Sultanate despite being only in its second year. The school’s benefactor is OWWA and as dictated by its community-image, every Filipino overseas worker is made aware of their role in the school’s establishment.

The Philippine Community School is indeed a noble endeavor, but what makes Dr. Cordero an inspiration to the 20,000 Filipino workers in Oman is that as chairman of the school, he is not being paid any compensation in discharging his duties.
THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTOR

YOLANDO CUCAL JURADO, Administrative Assistant, Philippine Consulate, Saipan

Yolanda Jurado is, by no means the kind one can intimidate into submission.

In 1987, a law in Saipan was put in place that would drastically effect the lives of non-resident families working on the island. It called for the immediate deportation of the families of overseas contract workers who were earning less than US$20,000 a year. More than three hundred immediate relatives of workers were going to be affected and it was out of this situation, that Yolanda and Rev. Dwight Chapman established the Committee for Non-resident Dependents in January, 1987.

Under the Guidance of Father Chapman and Jurado, their group actively lobbied against the bill which would separate children and wives from their husbands.

Putting her job on the line (she was still working with a Saipan company at the time), Jurado went around soliciting the support of key people. She worked long hours over and above her own job to see that justice for the families would be carried out. She even raised funds in order to get the services of a lawyer.

Her efforts paid off when the court hearings ended and it was decided that the law indeed violated the rights of the non-resident families.

If it was not for Jurado—who united the people to rally against the bill, it would have meant certain deportation for the families involved. Showing true grit and determination, Jurado will always be a hero to the families of contract workers.